

WALL ST. MARKET

EXCHANGE DULL EXCEPT FOR FIRST FEW MINUTES.

Slight Spurt of Strength at Opening Is Followed by Resumption of Recent Slow Tendency to Trade—Disturbing Traffic Conditions Make Railroad List Heavy Throughout.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—No more reasons offered this morning for entering into new market commitments than on preceding days, and following a slight spurt of strength at the opening, trading dwindled to small proportions, and price changes were insignificant. Early quotations advanced slightly, the result apparently of desultory covering following the bear pressure applied at the end of yesterday's session.

United States Steel, Crucible Steel, American Locomotive and similar issues improved nearly a point during the first half hour, but only to slide off again. On the whole the tendency of prices was to sag off in the total absence of any buying incentive.

The railroad list was heavy throughout in consequence of the disturbing traffic situation on all lines, but dealings in this department were small and of no particular importance. New Haven fell to a new low record.

American Beet Sugar selling at the \$12 dividend represented a slight advance at the opening at 90 1/2, but later declined to 89. Cuba Cane Sugar held firm and fractionally higher. Coppers were fairly steady with Utah showing an advance of a point or so. The Street was absolutely without news bearing on quoted values, brokerage houses were almost bare of customers and even professional regarded the market apathetically.

There were a few curious movements such as American Snuff, which sold up 7 points, while the preferred sold 4 1/2 points. Announcement was made of the withdrawal of \$100,000 gold for shipment to South America. Only 88,000 shares of stock changed hands in the first hour.

Today's Quotations.

Quotations today up to 1:30 o'clock were as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	1:30
Ad Rumley...	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Ad R. pfd...	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Ajax Rubber...	69	69	68 1/2	68 1/2
Alaska...	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Alaska Jun...	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Al Ch M p...	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Al Ch M p...	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
AmagChm...	86	89	86	89
Am B Sug...	90 1/2	90 1/2	88 1/2	89 1/2
Am Can...	43	43 1/2	43	43
Am Car Fdy...	62	62	62	62
Am C S Sug...	160	160	160	160
Am C S Sug...	12	12	12	12
Am H & P...	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
A Ice Sec...	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Am Insec...	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Am Lin p...	51	51 1/2	51	51 1/2
Am Loco...	70	70	69 1/2	70
Am Smeit...	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2
Am Sm Sec...	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2
Am Sugar...	142	142	142	142
Am T & T...	124 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2
A T b p n...	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
Am Wool...	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
Am Zinc...	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Anacosta...	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
A. T. & S. F...	102 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2
A. T. & S. F...	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
At Br & A...	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
At C Line...	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2
At G W p...	55	55	55	55
Bald Loco...	53	53 1/2	53	53 1/2
Balt & O...	76 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2
Balt & O...	74	74	74	74
Beth St r...	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Brunswick...	9	9	9	9
Brown S P...	100	100	100	100
Burns Bros...	110 1/2	114 1/2	110 1/2	113 1/2
Butte Sup...	44 1/2	45 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2
Cal Petm...	23	24	23	24
Can Pac...	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
Can Pac...	122	123 1/2	120 1/2	122 1/2
Can Leth...	86	86 1/2	84 1/2	86 1/2
Can Leth...	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Ches & O...	38 1/2	39 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/2
Chi & N...	116 1/2	117 1/2	116 1/2	117 1/2
Ch. Nor. W...	172 1/2	172 1/2	172 1/2	172 1/2
C R I & C...	26	26 1/2	26	26 1/2
CM&St P...	80 1/2	80 1/2	79 1/2	80 1/2
CM&St P...	119	119	118 1/2	119
Chile Cop...	21 1/2	22	21 1/2	22
Chino Cop...	53 1/2	54 1/2	53 1/2	54 1/2
Col F & I...	43 1/2	44 1/2	43 1/2	44 1/2
Col G & E...	39	39 1/2	39	39 1/2
Cons Gas...	119 1/2	122	119 1/2	122
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Corn P...	20 1/2	21 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/2
Corn P...	101	101	101	101
Corn Can...	91	92 1/2	91	92 1/2
Cruc Steel...	64 1/2	65	64	64 1/2
Cuba Cane...	39	40 1/2	38	40
Cuba C p...	87 1/2	88 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2
Del H & P...	139	139	139	139
D & R p...	30	30	29	30
Det. E. R...	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
District Sec...	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Dome M...	20	20	20	20
Erie...	26 1/2	26 1/2	25 1/2	26
Gaston W...	32	32	32	32
Gen Elec...	164	164 1/2	164	164 1/2
G M p n...	103	104	101 1/2	103 1/2
Greene C...	88	88	88	88
Greene C...	42	42	42	42
Grodrich p...	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2
Grunby...	81	85	81	85
G N Ore...	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Gl N S p...	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Gulf S p...	112	112	112	112
Gulf S p...	104	104	104	104
H Cent...	101	101	101	101
Inspiration...	53 1/2	54 1/2	53 1/2	54 1/2
Int N K...	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
Int Pap...	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Inter C...	13	13	13	13
Int C p...	63	63	63	63
K C S p...	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Kennecott...	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Lack St L...	76	76	75 1/2	76
Lehigh...	72	72	70 1/2	71 1/2
Lehigh...	126	126	126	126
MacKay...	88 1/2	89 1/2	88 1/2	89 1/2
Nan. Elec...	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2
Nan. Shit...	73	73	72	73
Marine...	23	24 1/2	23	24 1/2
Mar. pfd...	67 1/2	69 1/2	67 1/2	69

LOCAL MARKET

GAS IS CENTER OF INTEREST IN TRADING.

Sells Up to 76, the Normal Level for Months Before the Reduction in Price—Has Gone Up Four Points in Two Days—Large Turnover of Bonds Is Recorded Today.

Selling up to 76, the normal level for months before the reduction in the price of gas last fall, and recording a gain of two full points over the previous high of 74 made yesterday, Washington Gas continued to lead the center of interest at the Washington Stock Exchange today. The two points gained today make a total gain of four points for the stock in two days, and indicates the strong support the stock is receiving.

The initial sale today was a quotation lot at 75, which was followed by odd lots aggregating eleven shares at the same figure. The stock then sold up at 75 1/2, 75 3/4, and closed with a sale of a quotation lot at 76. In all, 131 shares of the stock changed hands, the largest volume traded in any session in several weeks. The stock closed with 76 still firmly bid and with no evidences of any stock on the market at less than 80.

TODAY'S SALES.

Washington Railway and Electric 4 1/2, \$1,000,000.

Consolidated 5 1/2, \$1,000,000.

Washington Gas 10 1/2, \$1,000,000.

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FIND MYSTERY HOUSE

Hidden Apartment Is Discovered Between 2d and 3rd Floors.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—At 3624 Ellis Park is an old three-story frame building that was a home when Ellis Park was a woodland. For the last eight or nine years, in a remodeled form, it has been an apartment building.

A few days ago a carpenter, tearing away old plank to build a porch, broke through a wall and made discoveries which made 3624 Ellis Park a house of mystery.

Between the second and third floors he found a hidden apartment of which even the Chicago Chamber of Commerce of the building, knew. Carefully Frank Wilder, the carpenter, entered through the hole he made in the wall.

He found a complete set of rooms running from the front to the rear of the building. The walls and ceiling were unfinished. There were no windows and no visible means of exit. There was a small table in one corner with a few dishes on it and an old copper lamp. Rust covered, but with a drying pan of ancient days still on it, there was a stove. Some straw in a corner seemed to indicate where the mysterious occupant of the mystery chamber had slept.

A piece of wire between two walls served as a hanger for an old coat, and everything was a thick layer of dust.

In hunting for an exit, Wilder came upon a panel in the wall fastened with a hinge, two big iron hooks and a bar that fitted into iron clasps. It opened upon the staircase and so matched the paneling that it was invisible from the outside.

MICHIGAN "SUFFS" COMING

Whole Train Engaged for Delegation Coming Inaugural Week.

Word that the whole trainload of Michigan women will come to Washington on March 1 to attend the convention of the Congressional Union and the National Women's Party and to take part in the suffrage demonstration at the White House, was brought here today by Miss Margaret Whittemore.

Miss Whittemore has been in Detroit for ten days arranging for the coming of the Michigan women in a delegation.

"If no accommodations can be found for the women," said Miss Whittemore, "they will eat and sleep in the Pullman cars which they are engaging for the trip. They want the President to know that the Michigan women who were cheated out of the State by the State referendum in 1912 have turned to the Federal amendment for relief."

ANNUAL HARVARD DINNER

Thirty-fourth Banquet To Be Given Here Tomorrow.

The thirty-fourth annual banquet of the Harvard Club of America will be held tomorrow night at Rauscher's. Prof. Frederick J. Turner, lecturer of Western history at Harvard, will represent the alma mater. Prof. Billas Perry will be one of the speakers.

Congressman Frederick W. Dallinger, John K. Rogers, Edmund Platt, all Harvard graduates, also will speak. George H. Henning will be toastmaster.

The committee in charge consists of L. Russell Alden, Percival Hall, W. R. Tucker, Edward M. Evaris, and John L. Barr.

PAPER COLLECTION HEAVY

Boy Scouts Average Twenty-five Tons a Week.

The Boy Scout paper saving campaign will net the boys more than fifty tons of paper for the first two weeks, according to estimates made today by scout collectors. Yesterday visited three troops and gathered more than two tons of paper. It is thought that the troops visited will about average in amounts of paper collected, with the other troops of the city.

Should this prove true the boys will have averaged about 25 tons per week since the opening of the campaign, February 1. Old paper now is selling for about \$10 a ton.

NEW GERMAN WAR CREDIT

Bill to Be Introduced at Next Session of Reichstag.

BERLIN, Feb. 16, (By Wireless to Sayville).—At the coming session of the Reichstag, according to the Zeitung am Mittag, a new war credit bill will be introduced.

The Reichstag main committee will meet next Wednesday, the day before the Reichstag assembly.

CARELESS FINN IS BARRED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Gustave A. Johnson, a Russian Finn, applied to Judge Mark A. Sullivan for his final citizenship papers.

"What is the Constitution of the United States?" he was asked.

"Rugged and healthy, I should say," was the reply.

"You study up the Constitution before you become a citizen," said the judge, "and then come back here in three months."

"Oh, this country can go to h—," said Johnson.

"Is that so?" said the judge. "Well, you go to jail for five days for that, and your papers are canceled. You can't become a citizen."

DAYLIGHT SAVING URGED.

Scores of telegrams from chambers of commerce, boards of trade, and other civic organizations were received by members of Congress today, urging the passage of the Borah-Gallinger daylight saving bill